areas identified for attracting private investment. Both for reasons of bridging the gap in resources as also to bring in greater efficiency in managment of airports, the participation of private parties (including foreign ones) would be encouraged.

गढ़वाल (उत्तर प्रदेश) में हवाई पट्टी की लंबाई का कम होना

1356. **श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी:** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के गढ़वाल क्षेत्र में एकमात्र हवाई पट्टी का उपयोग उसकी कम लंबाई तथा तल के कारण नहीं हो पा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस हवाई पट्टी की लम्बाई और तल बढ़ाने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री अनंत कुमार): (क) से (ग) उत्तर प्रदेश के गढ़वाल क्षेत्र में पिथौरागढ़ की हवाई पट्टी उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की है।

बिलासपुर-जगदलपुर-अंबिकापुर के बीच विमान-सेवा

1357. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या छत्तीसगढ़ में पाए जाने वाले खनिज, वन और अन्य संपदाओं पर आधारित औद्योगिक विकास को देखते हुए बिलासपुर, जगदलपुर और अंबिकापुर को विमान-सेवा से जोड़े जाने के संबंध में कोई सर्वेक्षण किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या इन स्थानों को विमान-सेवा से जोड़ने की कोई योजना है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके कारण क्या है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री अनंत कुमार): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) और (घ) उपयुक्त प्रकार के विमान की कमी के कारण, इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की इस समय इन स्थानों के लिए विमान सेवाएं प्रचलित करने की कोई योजनाएं नहीं है। व्यवहार्यता के शामिल करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया जा रहा है।

Renaming of Srinagar Airport as Sher-E-Kashmir Airport

1358. SHRI SHARIEF-UD-DIN SHARIQ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION: be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of Jammu and Kashmir have been demanding to develop and declare the Srinagar Airport as International Airport and rename it as Sher-E-Kashmir Airport in the name of late Shri Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah;

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard; and

(c) the time by which it would be done?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Chief Minister, Goverment of Jammu and Kashmir had requested that:—

(1) Srinagar be declared as international airport;

(2) all the necessary facilities for this purpose be provided; and

(3) the new international airport be renamed after Sher-E-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah.

(b) and (c) Srinagar airport belongs to Ministry of Defence. There is, at present, no proposal to upgrade Srinagar as an international airport. However, facilities for international flights will be provided subject to availability of additional land from the defence authorities and the resource constraints of the Airports Authority of India.

Recommendations of Courts of inquiries on air accidents

1359. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recommendations made by various courts of inquiries into air accidents/incidents during the last five years either for making improvement in the functioning of DGCA or for its guidelines, inquiry-wise;

(b) the action taken so far to implement these recommendations; and

(c) whether these recommendations have been implemented; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) The major recommendations made by the Courts of Inquiry for making improvement in the functioning of DGCA are as under:

I. Accident to Sahara India Airlines Boeing-737 Aircraft VT-SIA At IGI Airport on 8.3.1994.

(i) Manpower needs to be enhanced and work requires to be re-distributed and reorganised.

(ii) Work connected with grant/renewal of pilot licenses along with approvals of Check Pilots/Instructor/Examiners should be placed under Flight Inspection Directorate. (iii) Operation section should be formed under Flight Inspection Directorate to look after approvals of simulators, and Advanced Training Institutions etc. (iv) A senior, experienced and fully qualified Instructor/Examiner on modern Jet aircraft should be Incharge of training and licensing and flight crew standard section.

II. Accident to Super King Air B-200 Aircraft VT-EUJ of Punjab Government near Kulu on 9.7.1994.

There is need for strengthening the existing One-Man Accident Prevention Cell under a Director, which should consist of adequate number of professionals in the fields of Air Traffic Control, flying and engineering.

(b) and (c) In order to implement the recommendations made by the Courts of Inquiry for making improvements in the functioning of DGCA, the Government had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal J.K. Seth (Retd.), The report of the Committee is under review, Meanwhile, the Flight Inspection Directorate in DGCA, headed by a Chief Flight Inspector, has been strengthened for monitoring the operational aspects pertaining to flight crew and other key operational personnel. Further, Training & Licensing and Flight Crew Standards Directorates have placed under the supervision of a Dy. DGCA holding a professional pilot license.

Extension of runway at Ahmedabad airport

1360. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether physical work for the extension of runway of Ahmedabad airport in Gujarat has been taken up as per schedule;

(b) if so, by when the work is likely to be completed; and

(c) if answer to (a) be in negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Detailed engineering and field investigations have been completed as per schedule and tender formalities are being completed.

(c) The tentative date for commencement of work is August, 1998 and it will take 24 months for completion.

Foreign participation in Management of International Airports

1361. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision that ten international airports in the country be managed by separate companies; if necessary, with foreign participation;

(b) the terms and conditions prescribed for the foreign participation; and

(c) airport-wise estimated expenditure required to be incurred annually?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) The entire matter is under consideration.